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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HUGO A. ERNST ET AL.

Appln. No.: 10/668,503

Filed: September 24, 2003

For: **ASSEMBLY OF HOLLOW TORQUE
TRANSMITTING SUCKER RODS AND
SEALING NIPPLE WITH IMPROVED
SEAL AND FLUID FLOW**

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) Examiner: David Bochna
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) Group Art Unit: 3679 ✓
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) April 26, 2004
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MS Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the claims, as

follows: